

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: October 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Burke Doar, Ron Van Winkle, Mark McGovern, Pat Alair, Duane Martin

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. I-84 Resolution
The Committee discussed a resolution in support of the I-84-Park Road exit ramp improvements. A resolution will be considered at the next Town Council meeting supporting the project. This resolution is necessary for the project to move forward.
2. Busway progress
The Committee discussed the progress on the Busway project. The Flatbush Avenue bridge bypass has been closed while final work on the Bridge is completed. The bridge is expected to open in approximately ten days.
3. Zoning amendments
Deputy Corporation Counsel discussed two zoning ordinances that staff is considering, one is for the installation of class 1 renewable energy installations to be installed on the ground in residential and non-residential zones and for solar installations to be a main use in the industrial zones.

The second is for the licensing of live music in commercial areas. Both ordinances are being vetted by the staff before being considered for recommendation to the Town Council.
4. Public Works
 - a. Garage/recycling
 - b. Construction**Mark McGovern and Duane Martin discussed the many road projects now going on. As the season is ending all projects are expected to be completed on schedule.**
5. Intercommunity Capital Equipment Grant from St. of Ct. Office of Policy and Management
The town has been discussing the purchase of public works equipment that would be shared with three other towns in exchange for a 30% grant from the State. No decision has been made on this grant by the administration and we will request the resolution on the Council agenda be tabled until further administrative review is complete.

6. Design Agreement – State of Ct., Department of Transportation, Town of West Hartford
The Town has received a grant for the extension of the Trout Brook Trail. The Engineering division is proposing to design the project in house. A resolution to permit the town to sign a design agreement with Connecticut DOT will be considered at the next Town Council meeting.
7. Other business
No other business was considered.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors
Karen List, Superintendent of Public Schools